

### **REMARKS**

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated December 5, 2005.

Reconsideration of the rejections/objections set forth therein is respectfully requested in view of the above claim amendments and the remarks that follow.

Claims 17, 18, 21, 22, 24, 25 and 33-36 were objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Claim 1 has now been amended to include the subject matter of claim 22. New claim 96 corresponds to claim 21; new claim 107 corresponds to claim 17; new claim 118 corresponds to claim 18; new claim 129 corresponds to claim 24; new claim 140 corresponds to claim 25; new claim 151 corresponds to claim 33; new claim 159 corresponds to claim 34; and new claim 167 corresponds to claims 35 and 36.

This case is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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